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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The present Amendment is filed in conjunction with an Request for Continued Examination. Applicants filed a Response to Final Office Action on May 26, 2009 and an Advisory Action was mailed on June 17, 2009. The initial shortened statutory period for responding to the Final Office Action was June 23, 2009. A two (2)-month extension of time, from June 23, 2009, up to and including August 23, 2008, is included with this response. Since August 23, 2009 fell on a Sunday, a response may be timely filed on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal Holiday under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a). Applicants thus respectfully submit that the present Amendment, Request for Continued Examination and Petition for two (2)-Month Extension of Time are timely filed on August 24, 2009.

As noted, a two (2)-month extension of time, from June 23, 2009, up to and including August 23, 2008, is filed with the present Amendment and Request for Continued Examination. Payments for such an extension and for the Request for Continued Examination fee are being made by credit card payment through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. However, if Applicants' belief is in error, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 03-1721, referencing number 2003390-0031 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.